Excitement is building as the time for the ICDF conference in Ghana is getting nearer. Delegates are booking their flights, teachers are planning their workshops and the Conference Committees are working hard to get everything in place before the arrivals of the first delegates. We are almost ready to release the next wave of teacher and workshop information and in this Newsflash we want to lift the curtain slightly to give you an idea of what is to come.

**Ghana 2016**

**Worship**

Our worship times promise to be unique by being a blend of African and Celtic sounds. The African worship team under the leadership of Jude Kurankyi will be joined by Clare Hunt from Sunderland, UK.

**Important notice**

If you have not yet registered and indicated your accommodation booking please do so soon. We are at the point where we are to release our block booking and after that we cannot guarantee the accommodation you are looking for.

**Afternoon workshops**

We aim to have afternoon workshop details published on the website by the end of March.

**Individual afternoon workshops**

- Contemporary Jazz
- Hawkins technique
- Irish ceilidh dancing
- How to teach adults in a fun and exciting way
- Healing: proclaiming God's goodness on the journey
- The technicalities of a good fitness class: learn to plan and teach a class
- Messianic tambourines for beginners
- Tambourines in warfare
- Dancing in a place of authority
- Prayer and intercession using props
- Contemplative prayer
- Prophetic dance
- Drumming
- CaraMayan
- Krump
- Art // Collaboration

**Friday Outreaches**

- Group 1: African Dance, Reggae Warfare, Evangelism - location to be confirmed
- Group 2: Flags & Banners, Contemporary - location to be confirmed
- Group 3: Ability not Disability - will visit a home for the physically challenged
- Group 4: Dance Movement Therapy - will visit a home for traumatized children
- Group 5: Children - will be able to work with a group of children
- Group 6: Prayer Watch - will join local intercessors for a prayer watch

For more information about the conference go to the Conference Website at http://conference.icdf.com/ or email enquiries.icdf2016@gmail.com
The ICDF community invites YOU to proclaim the goodness of God with us during the week we gather together in Ghana 11th - 15th July 2016! Whether you are there in person, or not, there are ways for you to participate as we come alongside our brothers and sisters in Ghana in a spirit of blessing and encouragement.

One way is through a “Flash Mob” being planned as one of the Friday morning Outreach activities. What exactly is a “Flash Mob”, you ask? It’s an interesting combination of pre-arranged planning by a group (“mob”) of people doing something that appears to erupt spontaneously at a particular time in a place that would not normally be associated with creative performance… a pleasant surprise, “flash”ing some light and joy in a context where such a thing would not normally be expected.

For us, this Flash Mob will be a group dance presentation happening in a marketplace as a “gift” to the locals, and as a pointer to the love and goodness of God expressed through our dance-art… and with a sense of invitation for them to join in.

Conference attendees who wish to participate on the day can learn simple choreography via internet link which will be available after Easter, rehearse as often as possible at home before July and then at designated times during the conference week. ICDF people in general may also learn the choreography and join the Ghana event “in spirit” by dancing in their own locality, whether it be at home or a group meeting place they decide, at the same time as the Friday outreach… world time zones vary, so it will be like a global dance wave over a 24 hour period proclaiming the goodness of God!

The theme will be “God’s Goodness is available to EVERYONE. Be prepared to see it, receive it and live it!” We can see the story of God’s promise of salvation written in the heavens and participate in God’s great story here on earth, shining light and bringing life into dark places, sharing Good News with those who suffer physically, mentally and spiritually. God’s goodness is real and available… a heavenly view with earthly consequences.

Each cultural group has the opportunity to shine this light in their own unique way, and it will be a blessing to come alongside our ICDF friends in Ghana to dance with them, for them, and to learn amongst them and from them.

CDF Ireland has partnered with CDF Ghana, a cooperative effort supported by ICDF, a real story of group facilitation made possible through the goodness of God… a heavenly vision embodied in prayer and action.

Watch this space… more information coming soon as to exactly how you can be part of the Flash Mob, the light-shining group of dancers, either in Ghana in person, or with us in spirit on the Outreach activity day!

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**Monday Academic Papers Presenters**

Dr. Sylvanus Kwashie Kuwor and Jennies Deide Darko  
Prof. Modesto Mawulolo Amegago  
Lisa Wilson  
Dr. Debbie Bright  
More presenters to be announced

**For info:** [http://conference.icdf.com/conference/academic-papers](http://conference.icdf.com/conference/academic-papers)

**Note:** The Registration Fee does not include the attendance of the Academic Papers. This fee still needs to be calculated and will be published on the website when finalised.

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**Open air theatre on campus**

**Plenary Speakers**

Pastor John Eniola: Senior Pastor of Hill City Church Dublin, Ireland  
Rev JFK Mensah: Pioneer of the Christlike Disciple-making Movement (CDM), Ghana

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